(vi) Government of India is a signatory to many international conventions concerning biodiversity conservation and control of illegal trade in wild flora and fauna.

(vii) India has bilateral arrangement with China and Nepal on Tiger Conservation and joint measures to crack down illegal activities of Tiger poaching and smuggling of the body parts.

Solid waste of slaughter houses

541. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has fired the Central Pollution Control Board for its failure to deal with solid wastes of slaughter houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) In the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 309 of 2003 Laxmi Narain Modi Versus Union of India & Ors. on Slaughter Houses, the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 12/07/2005 has awarded costs of Rs. 25,000/- for the adjournment sought by the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) counsel.

(c) The CPCB would continue to file affidavits and details as called for by the Hon'ble Supreme Court regularly to avoid the necessity for seeking adjournments.

Withdrawal of World Heritage Status to Ghana National Bird Sanctuary

†542. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's Heritage Committee has threatened to withdraw World Heritage status to Ghana National Bird Sanctuary due to its miserable condition;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal to the Central Government for protection and promotion of this sanctuary;

(c) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning this proposal;

(d) whether Government are concerned about the protection of this bird sanctuary; and

(e) if so, by when the required funds will be provided for its protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. However, the world Heritage Committee had expressed concern over the situation of Keoladeo National Park resulting from inadequate release of water to maintain the wetland ecosystem of the site.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries" the State Government every year submits Annual Plan of Operation (APO) to the Ministry for necessary technical and financial assistance. The details of funds released during last three years for Keoladeo National Park are as below:—

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Year	Funds Released
2002-2003	27.50
2003-2004	17.31
2004-2005	52.92

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) The funds are released regularly every year.

Forestry projects with external aid

543. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight forestry projects with external aid are being implemented in different States;

(b) if so, the target/goal set for each project and benefits likely to be achieved; and